

# EXPECTATIONS of CORE VALUES

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At CBC we are a: **Christ centred** church

because ... Christ must be all in all. All of the Christian life is about people carrying His presence by His Spirit into their lives. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. By Him all things were created, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the church and the Saviour of mankind, the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form.

*We expect that church partners would live their lives to honor Christ as Saviour and Lord, and always act in a manner worthy of being His ambassador.*

*Col. 1:15f Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before God made anything at all and is supreme over all creation. <sup>16</sup>Christ is the one through whom God created everything in heaven and earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—kings, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities. Everything has been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He existed before everything else began, and he holds all creation together.*

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At CBC we are a: **Bible believing** church

because ... the Word of God is the foundation of all truth. It is living and active and sharper than any two edged sword. It is the unchanging foundation that we have built our belief structure upon.

*We expect that church partners would practice the discipline of regular bible reading, would always aim to obey its principles and commandments, and would rest upon the promises found in God's Word.*

*Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

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At CBC we are a: **Spirit led** church

because ... God has given His Spirit to sustain, comfort, convict, counsel and guide the church into all truth. The church simply must live together by and in the Spirit to be effective.

*We expect that church partners would be open and active in seeking the guidance of the Spirit in all matters of faith and conduct, especially in the decision making process.*

*Zechariah 4:6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.*

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At CBC we are a: **Prayer saturated** church

because ... God has chosen to work in partnership with people and He has chosen prayer to be the primary means of interaction in this partnership. He has ordained that we play a role in the outworking of His will on earth. Prayer is the powerhouse of all ministry at CBC.

*We expect that church partners would play an active role in the prayer life of the church. We expect that leaders of ministries would be leaders in their prayer lives too.*

*Matthew 7:7-11 Keep on asking and you will be given what you ask ... if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.*

## 5.

At CBC we are a: **Joy motivated** church

because ... as the Westminster Confession reads, "the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." We contend that the best way to glorify God is to truly take joy in His service, and in relating to Him as our Father.

*Psalm 16:11 In your presence is fullness of joy, in your right hand there are pleasures forever.*

*We expect that church partners would be pleasure seekers in the highest sense. We expect that joy would be an over-riding aroma in the activities of CBC.*

## 6.

At CBC we are a: **Faith driven** church

Because ... we cannot please God without faith. Salvation is by grace through faith. Sanctification comes through faith. Fulfillment in life comes through living a life of faith in our awesome God. Faith drives us to take risks for the sake of Christ's glory.

*Matthew 17:20 Jesus told them; "I assure you, even if you had faith as small as a mustard seed you could say to this mountain, 'move from here to there', and it would move. Nothing would be impossible"*

*We expect that church partners would welcome future steps of risk in our church life, (when appropriate) knowing that faith is always accompanied by some aspect of risk.*

## 7.

At CBC we are a: **Team empowering** church

Because ... God has gifted each one of us with different complimentary spiritual gifts and passions. We believe we are most effective when each person does that which God has designed them to do, in a cohesive team that is well led and committed to the same Christ honoring objectives. We expect that church partners would recognize the need for team, and the need for complimentary roles within this team.

*We expect that church partners will acknowledge their role in fulfilling and completing the body of Christ by contributing their own unique giftedness to the team.*

## 8.

At CBC we are a: **Love compelled** church

Because ... the love of Christ compels us to love others. We love because He first loved us. We understand that the world will know that we are Christians by our love for one another. We are called and committed to acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with our God.

*2 Corinthians 5:14 Christ's love compels us.*

*We expect that church partners would continue to be challenged by the life of Christ, by His compassion and mercy and would make decisions driven by Christ's love for us and His love for the world. This means that CBC will be a generous and loving church!*

## 9.

At CBC we are a: **Freedom encountering** church

Because ... we believe that Christ came to set us free, and when He sets us free we will be free indeed. We are free to be obedient servants of God, within the loving boundaries He has set for His children. We encourage diversity and creativity and reject the approach that "one size fits all."

*Galatians 5:13 For you have been called to live in freedom – not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love.*

*We expect that church partners would show respect for one another as being made in the image of God. We expect that CBC will grow into the true freedom of the Spirit as God enables us as a congregation.*

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At CBC we are a: **Call inspired** church

*Luke 19:10 The son of man came to seek and save the lost.*

Because ... we are consumed by the call and cause of Christ. The great commission has given us an objective, to make disciples from all nations.

We are convinced that the Gospel is the power unto salvation for all those who would believe. We gratefully accept the invitation from Christ to be part of His worldwide mission to seek and save the lost.

*We expect* that church partners will be enthusiastic, passionate and active in mission in our local context and when possible abroad.

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At CBC we are a: **Community building** church

Because ... we believe that God's dream for humanity is a dream involving a community of love and respect that is modeled on the perfect unity we find in the three members of the God Head. We believe that life is meant to be lived in the context of relationships. Small groups are an important part of this process.

*Romans 12:4-5 We are all parts of his body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other and each of us needs all the others.*

*We expect* that church partners will do their best to be involved in some type of small group, be it a bible study group, or ministry group, a sporting team or prayer group. It is our conviction that community is built in small groups, so we expect church partners to take the initiative to be involved in one.

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At CBC we are a: **Growth committed** church

Because ... we aim to see every believer built up in the faith to reach maturity in Christ. We believe strongly in training, mentoring and discipleship to release all believers into God's entire destiny for them. We believe that God is more interested in who we will be, than what we will do.

*We expect* that church partners will embrace the privilege of being a life-long apprentice of Jesus Christ. This means that church partners desire to be accountable to each other so that we might not waste our lives, but rather be spurred on to full maturity in Christ.

*Romans 12:4-5 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare god's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*